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PRELIMINARY REPORT READY

Which Shows That Dr. Cook Has Not Sustained Claims of Being First to Reach Coveted Goal

Copenhagen, Dec. 18.—The Associated Press is informed by a high authority that the committee of the University of Copenhagen in its preliminary examination of his records failed to discover proof that Frederick A. Cook reached the north pole.

The consistory of the university at a secret session today received a preliminary report covering the first stage of the work of the committee which is examining the north polar records of Dr. Cook. An excited discussion followed. The committee has not completed its investigation. The report was presented by Rector Torp, but its nature was carefully guarded from others than members of the consistory. The latter are pledged to secrecy. It was admitted, however, that the work thus far accomplished, provoked an animated debate among the university officials.

To the newspaper men Rector Torp said:

"The committee's work is not yet finished. I cannot tell how long it will continue, but I hope that the result can be made public before new years. Both the members of the consistory and the examining committee have been forbidden strictly to make public anything regarding what has been accomplished thus far by the investigators.

Popular opinion here appears to have undergone a gradual change. From the beginning of the controversy the populace of Copenhagen has been decidedly pro-Cook. Patriotism has strengthened this sentiment. Recent developments, however, have been disappointing and today the general impression prevails that Dr. Cook's papers as submitted do not constitute proof that he discovered the north pole.

A preliminary report was made by the examining committee at a secret session of the consistory, of the university today. The consistor listened to the report which provoked an animated discussion. It appears that the data so far submitted are not held sufficient to establish the explorer's claims. The result of today's discussion was a request on the part of the consistory that the committee continue its work. The university body will leave to the investigators proper the matter of making public later the results of their inquiries.

In the meantime it is announced by an official of the university, the consistory will not make public any communication based upon information received orally from the committee at today's meeting.

Peary Merely Smiled

New York, Dec. 18.—Commander Robert E. Peary smiled broadly today when informed that a Copenhagen dispatch had been received quoting a high authority that the committee of the University of Copenhagen in its preliminary examination of Dr. Cook's records failed to find proof that the physician had found the north pole. And that smile was the only answer that Commander Peary made to the information when imparted to him at the Hotel Imperial.

"Absolutely nothing to say," said Commander Peary.

Efforts to locate Dr. Frederick A. Cook, renewed today, were fruitless in developing any trace of the explorer.

His former counsel, H. Wellington Wack, declared that he had neither seen nor heard anything of Dr. Cook since Nov. 2, although a diligent effort had been made to find him by friends, who said that he was prejudicing his case, by his disappearance.

"I believe as I have from the first, that Dr. Cook is in Europe," said Mr. Wack today.

Interested But Silent

Washington, Dec. 1.—Intense interest was manifested here today by officials of the National Geographic society in the preliminary report of the committee of the University of Copenhagen that it had failed to find proof substantiating Dr. Cook's claim that he had reached the north pole, April 21, 1908. None, however, would permit himself to be quoted. As soon as official announcement is made of the conclusions of the university's committee the National Geographic society will demand from Dr. Cook absolute proof of his claim. Failing to receive this the society will proclaim Commander Peary as discoverer of the pole.

ALWAYS PROMPT

Aaron Taylor was in Van Wert Cavett, Saturday. For the past thirty years Mr. Taylor has been a subscriber of the Times and in that period of time has never permitted his subscription to the paper become in arrears.

PLAN TO CAPTURE ZELAYA'S CAPITAL

TAPT AND KNOX DECIDE ON MORE AGGRESSIVE STEPS IN NICARAGUA

Washington, Dec. 18.—Armed forces of the United States will take possession of Managua, the capital of Nicaragua, if Admiral Kimball believes American lives or interests to be in danger.

This was the purport of the orders given yesterday off the Buffalo, with 700 marines, to sail at once from Panama to Corinto, the principal Nicaraguan port on the Pacific.

Admiral Kimball, who is aboard the Buffalo, will, upon reaching Corinto, assume command of the naval forces there. He will have six vessels—the cruiser Albany, the gunboats Vicksburg, Yorktown and Princeton, the transport Buffalo and the collier Saturn, as well as the 700 marines who are intended for land service.

An American naval officer is acting as consul at Corinto, which means that the United States has virtually declared itself in supreme authority. Close communication is maintained with Managua and if the situation there warrants it the landing force at Admiral Kimball's command will be marched over the road to the capital.

Another step by the United States government toward directing the course of events is the issuance of a proclamation by the American naval commander at Bluefields, on the eastern coast, announcing that the United States prohibits any fighting there.

It is at Bluefields, where the insurgent army is in control, that Zelaya has been expected to make an attack. The orders of the American naval officers have been sent to the leaders of both factions. There are four American warships in the harbor and Commander Shipley, of the USS Moines, is the officer in command.

DENMAN NAMES BOOTH.

Columbus Attorney Will Direct McKinnon Suit.

Columbus, Dec. 17.—Attorney General Denman today appointed Henry J. Booth, of Columbus, special counsel to prepare and try the suits of the state against the bondsmen and the estate of W. S. McKinnon, former treasurer, to recover interest of state funds. Booth is a Democrat and considered the best lawyer in this city. He is acceptable to Governor Harmon.

Attorney General Denman held a conference with Mr. Booth this morning at which he turned over to him all evidence and data in his possession. The problem now is, Denman says, whether the executor of McKinnon's estate shall be made a defendant also. This would cause much delay, as filing and rejection of a sworn claim would first be necessary.

"We are going into this hard, and will get every cent we can," said Mr. Denman.

OHIO ODD FELLOWS.

F. C. Goodrich, of Troy, Defeats Loechler for Grand Warden.

Columbus, Dec. 1.—Returns received at headquarters of the Ohio Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows show that Louis E. Loechler, of Columbus, has been defeated for grand warden by F. C. Goodrich, of Troy. There were five candidates and Loechler received the second highest number of votes. There were no contests for any of the other offices, the following being chosen to fill them:

Grand master, Senator Isaac E. Huffman, Hamilton; deputy grand master, A. C. Baehle, Akron; grand secretary, C. H. Lyman, Columbus; grand treasurer, J. B. Sheridan, Piqua; representative to sovereign grand lodge, Isaac Jordan, Chillicothe. The officers elect will be installed at the grand lodge meeting next June.

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